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YOUTH COMMISSION



Presented by the L.A. County Youth Commission and Supervisor Janice Hahn
in partnership with L.A. County Department of Mental Health

CENTERING YOUTH VOICE IN **MENTAL HEALTH** A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 10TH**
6:00PM – 7:30PM

To Join the Session, visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89214673705?pwd=WGlud3pZNThkY2lXalkyb1VibFF4UT09>

To RSVP:



Scan QR Code or go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3LL3G3>

You can also RSVP by emailing
YouthCommission@bos.lacounty.gov
or calling 213-633-5599



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ABOUT THE LA COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Established in 2020 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Youth Commission is the official youth advisory body to the County. It is a youth-led organization that promotes youth participation in County affairs and policy development. Youth Commissioners have experience in the foster care, juvenile justice, and unhoused services systems. The Commission also provides a forum for youth perspectives, empowering commissioners to impact the systems that are intended to serve and support them, their families, and their communities.

OUR VISION

All youth-serving systems in Los Angeles County will be informed by and co-designed with the expertise of youth with lived experiences.

OUR MISSION

The LA County Youth Commission seeks to help child welfare and juvenile justice systems center youth voice in their effort to co-design and improve policies, programs, and services.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Youth Commission is a collaborative movement as much as it is a County Commission . It takes the support of young people, agency leaders, CBOs, community members, and publications to drive meaningful and lasting change. Here are a few ways to get involved for all communities.

EVERYONE

Stay informed

Sign up for the Youth Commission newsletter to keep up with meetings, activities, announcements, and opportunities to connect with the Commission. You can sign up at our website: <https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov/>

YOUTH

Share Your Voice

Youth Commissioners are young people who have experienced the foster care and juvenile justice systems, but they need the ideas and voices of peers to help push for change in LA County. If you're a young person with lived experience in these systems and you have ideas to share with the Commission, email us at: youthcommission@bos.lacounty.gov or call: 213-633-5599

AGENCY LEADERS AND CBOS

Collaborate with Us

If you are a part of an organization that serves youth in LA County, we want to work with you to help improve youth facing systems. Whether you're a senior leader or a practitioner in the field, we'd love to connect with you. To learn more about how you can get involved, email us and share a bit about your organization so we can find some time to meet with you! You can reach us at: youthcommission@bos.lacounty.gov

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Help Us Advocate for Change

We welcome the support of community members who want to lend their support to youth. If you have ideas for how you can support the youth commission, help organize and mobilize your community, or advocate for policy initiatives with your elected officials, we'd love to connect. Please reach out at: youthcommission@bos.lacounty.gov

MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

Inform Your Audiences/Communities

The work of the Commission will be more successful with engaged communities sharing their ideas, concerns, and voices. Please connect with us if you're interested in talking with a Commissioner to learn more about their advocacy and transformative work. Your platform can help keep community members informed.

Connect with us at: youthcommission@bos.lacounty.gov

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF



DANIEL BISUANO

Supervisory District: 3rd

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Juvenile Justice, Social Justice

Super Power: My Voice and Words



LA'TOYA COOPER

Supervisory District: 2nd

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Child Welfare

Super Power: Connection



JOSHUA ELIZONDO

Supervisory District: 3rd

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Entertainment, Education

Super Power: Connecting with people



ALEX FURTADO

Supervisory District: 1st

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Homelessness, Foster Care

Super Power: Communication

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AMANDA HERNANDEZ

Supervisory District: 5th

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Workforce Development, TAY

Super Power: Creativity



JACOB "BLACC" JACKSON

Supervisory District: 2nd

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Youth Development

Super Power: Speed



CARLA LOPEZ

Supervisory District: 3rd

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Child Welfare

Super Power: Super Strength



RICARDO ORTEGA MARTINEZ JR.

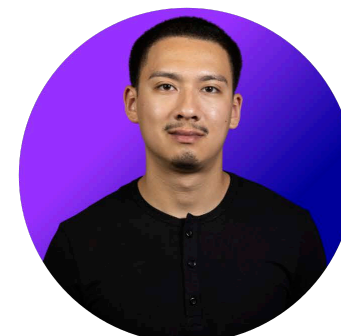
Supervisory District: 5th

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Higher Ed, Financial Independence, Immigration

Super Power: Healing physical & mental pain

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EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA

Supervisory District: 4th

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Juvenile Justice

Super Power: Resilience, Belief in Oneself



BRITTIANNA ROBINSON

Supervisory District: 4th

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Juvenile Justice

Super Power: Generosity



JACQUELINE ROBLES

Supervisory District: 4th

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: TAY Housing, Higher Ed

Super Power: Resourcefulness, Connecting with People



MYRIAH SMILEY

Supervisory District: 2nd

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Child Welfare, Housing

Super Power: Empathy, Relationship Building

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LUISA FLORES URRUTIA

Supervisory District: 5th

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Public Health & Wellness

Super Power: Happiness, Gratitude, Discipline



FLORENCIA "FLO" VALENZUELA

Supervisory District: 1st

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Universal Basic Income, TAY

Super Power: Protecting Those I Love



ANGELA YOUNG

Supervisory District: 3rd

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Kin-gap, Permanency

Super Power: Relationship Management, Empathy



ASHLEY CARRILLO-LOPEZ

Executive Assistant

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Youth Advocacy

Super Power: Spreading Joy

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF



ALAIN DATCHER

Executive Director, Youth Commission

Pronouns: he/him/his

Policy Areas: Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice

Super Power: Faith



CELESTE ARREAZA

Social Policy Intern

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Policy Areas: Mental Health

Super Power: Empathy

To get in touch with our staff or one of the
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